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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2004 totaled 255,000 head, down 2 percent from the June 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand May 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 74,000 head, up 21,000 head from May 2003 placements. Marketings during May totaled 67,000 head, the same as May 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003 but 3 percent below June 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.28 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 486,000, 700-799 pounds were 772,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 610,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

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